

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **APRIL 21, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

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Nick Arnis (Designee)
Carolyn Bonner Eagan
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier
Jim Porter (Designee)
Denice Blake
Dan Serpico
Robert Tyler
Winchell M. Craig
Katharine Miller (Absent)
Thomas J. Stump

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Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney
Jovi Meyers

Engineering Technician
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Guests

Mike Lovely
Erik Huffman
Harold Anderson
Deena McNeil
Colin Quinn-Hurst

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Citizen, MVNA
Citizen

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Chair, Nick Arnis welcomed members and guests.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Arnis asked the group to approve the February 2009 minutes. A motion was moved and seconded and passed unanimously.

3) **Public Comments:**

Harold Anderson, Citizen Member SEBNA

Asked again about the signage on Murphy Road.

Cindy Hartman, Staff noted a letter from John Laherty requesting a stop sign for traffic calming on NW Crossing Drive at the intersection of John Fremont. Staff has responded to the letter and will study the situation and make a recommendation.

(The order of the agenda was reversed due to scheduling difficulties)

4) **Hwy 20-Greenwood Speed Zone Change – Robin Lewis**

Ms. Lewis outlined the project the City is pursuing for an ODOT bike and pedestrian grant to improve the safety of the pedestrian crossing of NE 12th Street across Greenwood Avenue (Hwy 20). The crossing itself is located in an existing 35 mph zone, however, the zone begins 100' from the crossing and is so closely located that motorists are traveling greater than 35 mph at the crossing. The existing speed sign and a new advanced pedestrian crossing ahead sign would be in conflict. Additionally, the project team members (staff from ODOT, City and Consultant) looked at intersection sight distance and safe stopping sight distances and noted that while sight distance is available for 45 mph, the curvature of the roadway itself requires the sight lines to cross opposing traffic. The safety of the crossing would be enhanced and the ease of signing the project would be easier if the existing 35 mph sign were to move east approximately 200 to 300 feet from the Pilot Butte Summit Drive entrance. This speed zone investigation was performed by ODOT and found to support the shift in the westbound speed zone. Dan Serpico added that ODOT has issued a new speed zone designation order and the City needs to accept the recommendation from the state in order to continue to design the crossing and formalize the ODOT/City IGA. Members of TSAC asked questions about the design of the pedestrian crossing. After some discussion Carolyn Bonner Eagan made a motion to accept the recommended speed order. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

5) **Transportation Safety Projects Update**

Mr. Arnis reported that the Traffic Circles in NE Bend are designed and going to bid, for three locations:

- 11th & Hawthorne
- 9th & Lafayette
- 11th & Lafayette

The overlay project on Colorado will include resolving the storm grate issues by attempting to place them in the curb face rather than in the bike lane.

The Galveston improvements -14th to Lindsey Ct have one more public meeting on the sidewalks and bike lanes before going to bid, the design has added complications because many people have encroached on the Right of Way in that area, while the design is more intense and expensive most of the residents have been responsive. Galveston – 14th Street to the River has complications because of the right of way encroachments there also.

Thomas Stump, Citizen Member asked about other problems on the Westside specifically removing a stop sign at the intersection of Portland and 5th Street and moving it to the intersection of Portland & Awbrey. Mr. Arnis agreed that Portland Street has a variety of traffic control devices but felt that adding stop signs would not be a solution, he will respond later as it is studied.

6) Bicycle Safety Project - Carolyn Bonner Eagan

Ms. Bonner Egan passed out copies of the latest draft of the bike/door hanger that will be on each new bike purchased and also passed out to motorists. The education piece is the printed material for the media blitz that will be coordinated for the start of the bicycle riding season. The taskforce has plans for a full education campaign including television, newspapers, speakers, and police to educate both drivers and cyclists on the rules of the road for safe riding. Ms. Bonner Eagan asked members for other suggestions for getting the campaign message to citizens and to City Council. Jock Craig suggested that the Boy Scouts might like to take on the distribution of the flyers.

Mr. Craig also made a motion to approve the Share the Road Campaign, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Robert Tyler made a motion to ask for a proclamation from City Council acknowledging the Share the Road Campaign. This motion was seconded and also passed unanimously.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

9) Informational Items & Questions for the committee

Robert Tyler mentioned that on a trip to California he spotted some unique traffic calming devices that appeared to be rubber speed bumps, he said that he would try to find out more about them and bring that information back to the group.

Kim Curley of Commute Options announced that May was Walk and Bike Challenge month for all area schools.

Agenda Items:

Colorado project – cost –timing & status

Update on Stimulus money

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 21, 2009, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers